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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method for clarifying a document, comprising:
retrieving a document including a document component
5 having an attribute, wherein the attribute is explicitly
specified in the document; and
modifying the attribute to enhance display of the
document.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying
the document.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the document
component comprises a background image and the step of
modifying the attribute comprises removing the background
image from the document.
- 15 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the document
component comprises a background color and the step of
modifying the attribute comprises changing the background
color.
- 20 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the document
component comprises text and the step of modifying the
attribute comprises changing a color of the text in the
document.
- 25 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining whether a clarification tool is enabled,
wherein the step of modifying the attribute is in
response to the clarification tool being enabled.

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7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:
displaying the document before determining whether
the clarification tool is enabled.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the step of
5 determining whether a clarification tool is enabled
comprises determining whether the clarification tool is
activated by a user.
9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
loading user preferences.
- 10 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the step of modifying
the attribute comprises modifying the attribute based on
the user preferences.
11. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
authenticating a user, wherein the step of modifying
15 the attribute comprises modifying the attribute in
response to the user being authenticated.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of modifying
the attribute comprises creating an intermediate modified
document.
- 20 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising
displaying the intermediate modified document.
14. An apparatus for clarifying a document, comprising:
retrieval means for retrieving a document including
a document component having an attribute, wherein the
25 attribute is explicitly specified in the document; and

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modification means for modifying the attribute to enhance display of the document.

15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the document component comprises a background image and the
5 modification means comprises means for removing the background image from the document.

16. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the document component comprises a background color and the
10 modification means comprises means for changing the background color.

17. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the document component comprises text and modification means comprises means for changing a color of the text in the document.

18. The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:
15 determination means for determining whether a clarification tool is enabled,
wherein the modification means modifies the attribute in response to the clarification tool being enabled.

19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the determination means comprises means for determining whether the clarification tool is activated by a user.

20. The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:
means for loading user preferences.

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21. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the modification means comprises means for modifying the attribute based on the user preferences.

22. The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:

5 authentication means for authenticating a user, wherein the step of modifying the attribute comprises modifying the attribute in response to the user being authenticated.

23. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the modification means comprises means for creating an intermediate modified document.

24. A document viewing system comprising:

a document viewer;

a selectable clarification tool; and

15 a controller, coupled to the document viewer and the selectable clarification tool, wherein the controller retrieves a document; wherein the clarification tool, when selected, causes the controller to modify attributes of the document to form a modified document, wherein
20 display of text in the modified document is enhanced relative to the document; and wherein the document viewer causes the controller to display the modified document.

25. A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for clarifying a document, comprising:

25 instructions for retrieving a document including a document component having an attribute, wherein the attribute is explicitly specified in the document; and

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instructions for modifying the attribute to enhance
display of the document.

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